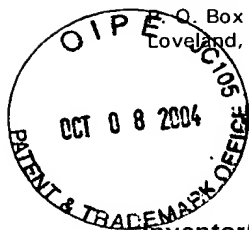


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

() Previously submitted:

() Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

() Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

() Other _____.

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() Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Introductory Comments

This Preliminary Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in the subject patent application. This amendment is also responsive to the Final Rejection in the Office Action dated June 4, 2004 (the "Office Action") and to the Advisory Action dated September 10, 2004 (the "Advisory Action") from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with the "Revised Amendment Practice: 37 CFR 1.121 Changed, Compliance is Mandatory – Effective Date: July 30, 2003."

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.